

Store Closed All Day Saturday, July 4th.

Do Your Vacation Shopping Early This Week.

Miller & Rhoads

Beginning Thursday, July 4th, we will close every Thursday at 1 P. M. (employees' half-holiday); other days 5 P. M.

Fine Lawn Dresses, Princess Style, \$2.98 \$2.50 Shirt-waist Suits, \$2.00

The grounds are white with a big assortment of styles in dots, checks, stripes and plaids of pink, lavender, brown and black.

The yoke is trimmed with a wide band of embroidery and velvet ribbon; the skirt, giraffe and sleeves plaited, and the skirt made with two folds around the bottom.

Very attractive looking, exceptionally well made, and superior value at \$2.98.

(Second Floor, West.)

These garments are on sale in our Wrapper Department, second floor.

Excellent quality Percelle, well tailored in every way; good, full skirt.

Black grounds with small white ring dots. All sizes.

They are regular \$2.50 Suits that we're offering for \$2.

We also have the same style in white grounds with black stripes, \$2.

SHOWED GAIN IN FIRST FIVE MONTHS

Local Post-Office Receipts About Even With Heavy Record Made in 1907.

In view of a statement sent out from Washington concerning the decrease in postal receipts at fifty of the largest post-offices in the United States for the month of May, 1908, as compared with the same month last year, inquiry was made yesterday at the local office, and it was found that although for that particular month there had been a comparative loss of 5 per cent., yet, taking the first five months of 1908 into consideration (estimating June), the receipts for the two periods will run about even. In other words, the first five months of the year show a net increase of \$2,221.19, and the figures for June will about offset this and make approximately an even break. This is considered a fine record for the Richmond office, as last year the Jamestown Exposition and many national conventions were in progress from time to time. Owing to the business depression prevalent throughout the country, a falling off in postal receipts is looked upon as not at all unusual, and the fact that the Richmond office is holding up so well is a source of gratification to the postmaster.

Must Build Good Roads.
This general decrease in receipts for the month of May, is being used by the post-office department as an argument in favor of good roads, and it is said that unless there is a considerable pulling up, many of the present rural free delivery routes will be abolished. Postmaster Cabell feels sure that he will be able to come out of the present year with a showing almost, if not quite, as good as that made in 1907.

There are some of the figures sent out from Washington concerning the decrease in figures for fifty of the largest offices in the country, Richmond being one of them:

"Postal receipts at fifty of the largest post-offices in the United States for May, as compared with the same month of last year, show a decrease of 4.79 per cent. There is a falling off at the New York post-office of \$136,074.55. The receipts for May this year were \$1,447,764.22, while those for last year for the same month were \$1,582,838.77."

"Postal officials say that this loss shown for New York will be made up in the accounts of months to follow."

"The total receipts for the fifty offices for May, 1908, show a decrease of \$266,542.32, the receipts for May, this year, being \$7,072,464.80. All but seventeen of the fifty offices taken show decreases."

STILL LIVES ON CHARITY

Coleman Harris Gets Eight Months in Jail on Charge of Stealing.

Coleman Harris, a negro who early Sunday morning wandered to the house of Police Officer Jordan and was arrested on warrants charging him with stealing \$2 from E. Payne and \$1 from W. R. Brown, was sentenced by Justice Crutcher yesterday morning to four months in jail on each charge. The negro had been living on public charity for some time. He will still be an object of charity, and live on public funds.

Paying Heir's Jurors.

The clerk of the City Circuit Court was busy yesterday drawing checks for the payment of jurors from Henrico county who sat recently in the Circuit Court, in hearing certain cases in which the city of Richmond was involved, and in which Judge Scott directed that a country jury be summoned.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following: Bert C. Snyder and Mary D. Major, Paul H. Culpeper and Florence E. Hilliard, Edward P. Kellar and Eva Elliston, William C. Smith and Ruth A. Baker, and Thomas J. Carver and Mary M. Lewis.

Invited to Give Clinic.

Dr. R. L. Simpson, accompanied by Mrs. Simpson and Miss Rosalie Shaffer, left yesterday for Philadelphia. Dr. Simpson was invited to give a clinic at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Dental Society's meeting.

Richmonders in Philadelphia.

Mr. B. A. Galt, Mr. C. L. Mass and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mastin, of Richmond, are at the New Bingham Hotel in Philadelphia.

Want some GO?

Eat Grape Nuts

"There's a Reason."

ELECT FOSTER NEW INSPECTOR

Richmond Physician Succeeds Dr. Freeman—Promotion for Clerk Bosher.



DR. W. BROWNLEY FOSTER.

Dr. W. Brownley Foster was elected city medical inspector by the Board of Health last night, succeeding Dr. Allen W. Freeman, who resigned to accept the position of assistant to the State Health Commissioner. Dr. Foster is a native of Richmond and a son of Mr. W. W. Foster, who is a graduate of the public and high schools, and of Richmond College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1898. He received his diploma from the Medical College of Virginia in 1901, and has since been a member of the teaching staff of that institution. He has served as interne at the City Hospital, and is a member of the senior staff of the Memorial Hospital. He has taken post-graduate studies at Harvard, and is a member of a number of medical and scientific societies. Recently he has engaged in general practice in Richmond.

The board elected Clerk J. C. Bosher, registrar of vital statistics, to succeed Mr. J. M. Donohoe, who declined reelection. Mr. Bosher has been clerk to the department since February, 1907, his promotion being regarded as a recognition of his services. The position of clerk made vacant was filled by the election of Mr. Coleman Cutchins.

Same Staff Re-Elected.

All other officers were re-elected, as follows:

Chief Health Officer, Dr. Ernest C. Levy; Medical Inspector, Dr. W. Brownley Foster; City Bacteriologist, Dr. K. S. Blackwell; Registrar of Vital Statistics, J. C. Bosher; Clerk, Coleman Cutchins; Inspector of Plumbing, Thomas M. Landers; Assistant Inspector of Plumbing, E. A. Boaz; Food Inspector, William T. Holdsworth; Assistant Food Inspector, J. A. Buchanan; Vice-Chancellor, John L. Satterfield; Prelate, Dr. R. D. Garlin; Master of Work, J. W. Arnold; Master-at-Arms, J. W. Rudd; Inner Guard, W. T. Galt; Outer Guard.

Damon Lodge Elects Officers.

Damon Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Dr. R. L. Kern, chancellor; J. A. Buchanan, vice-chancellor; John L. Satterfield, prelate; Dr. R. D. Garlin, master of work; J. W. Arnold, master-at-arms; J. W. Rudd, inner guard; W. T. Galt, outer guard.

PAST PERFORMANCES GIVE NO PROMISE OF COOL JULY

Ten Year Record, Though Not to Be Construed as Forecast, Shows Little in Way of Relief From Oppressive Conditions—Average Wind Velocity 6 Miles an Hour.

Although July data covering a period of the past ten years cannot be accepted as an indication of what the weather for the month beginning tomorrow will do, past performances give no evidence of summer comfort. Following the usual custom of the department, Section Director Evans gave out a statement yesterday of July statistics since 1898, showing the conditions which have prevailed in that month heretofore, but without giving any guarantee for the future. Indeed, the meteorological experts, while able to predict for days ahead, shy at the prospects of calling the turn for an entire month.

So long as a cool breeze drifts in, the public hereabout is able to stand the summer punishment. For the period mentioned the prevailing winds came from the south, the average hourly velocity being six miles. Once, on July 22, 1906, the wind came sweeping up from the south at the rate of forty-five miles an hour, with real cyclonic proportions.

The average number of clear days in July since 1898 was eleven. There were fourteen partly cloudy days and

BATTLE IS SAID TO BE IMMINENT

Company Will Move On Richmond in Few Days and Expects to Take the City.

Company A, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, will take Richmond some time between the night of Friday, July 3d, and Sunday night, July 5th. In fact, the men have determined to do so despite the fact that they will be opposed by the fighting forces of Companies B and C. The latter are equally as determined that the defenseless women and children of Richmond shall not be exposed to the grim hardships of war, as in that terrifying time of the evacuation in years ago.

The determination of the opposing forces promises a battle to the finish, with Richmond as the stake. On to Richmond will be the cry of Company A. "Our lives for Richmond's defense," will be the cry of the city's defenders. And somewhere in the pine woods between here and Petersburg, if the opposing forces meet, will be fought such a battle as was witnessed when Napoleon met Marshal Blucher and the Duke of Wellington on the bloody field of Waterloo.

Major Bowles to Defend.

Company A will be in command of Captain Russell Palmer, the defense companies will be under command of Major E. W. Bowles, with Captain David Leary in charge of Company B, and Captain J. Randolph Tucker in charge of Company C. Company A will leave Richmond on Friday night for Petersburg, whence it will begin the march on Richmond. The other two companies will defend the city, and will probably attempt to meet the enemy in the field.

The side having the greatest number of men at the meeting point will be declared the winner—provided they do meet—but a bloody engagement is to be expected. The usual tactics of war will be resorted to. Opposing forces will be captured wherever possible, and it may be that the redoubtable Major Bowles will be one of the first to be taken, though he shrugs his shoulders at the very mention.

HELD ON HOTEL CHARGE

Cecil R. Gould Is Arrested on Charge of Misrepresenting Himself at Jefferson.

Cecil R. Gould, a young man of neat appearance and good address, was arrested yesterday evening by Detective Sergeant Wren on a charge of defrauding the Jefferson Hotel out of \$150.00. It is alleged that Gould, who is a native of Richmond, is a mining company. He has engaged Attorney Gilbert K. Pollock to defend him this morning.

Fined for Stealing Wood.

Frank J. Edwards was fined \$5 and costs in Henrico yesterday for stealing a cord of wood from J. W. Dapkins. Edwards is the man who was charged jointly with Thomas Shands, a negro, of forgery. Shands was also charged with stealing a quantity of farm produce from R. M. Bette near the New Reservoir. He was committed to jail on \$1000 bail. The forgery charge was not sustained.

JUDGE TURPIN QUALIFIES

New Civil Court to Open for First Session Tomorrow.

Judge William Miles Turpin, of the City Circuit Court, received his commission from the Governor yesterday, and has qualified for the position to which he was elected by the recent Legislature. Judge Turpin will open his court tomorrow morning in room No. 6, on the third floor of the City Hall, one of the Council committee rooms, of which he has been good use until the alterations and repairs are made in the court rooms on the fourth floor.

Cut With Ax and Knife.

Curtis Davis, a negro living in Brookland District, Henrico county, was arrested last night by Constable C. O. Burch on a charge of cutting a young man named Jackson with intent to kill. It is alleged that he hit Jackson first with an ax striking him in the shoulder. Then he attacked him with a knife and nearly cut off his finger. Davis says he acted in self-defense.

Precipitation.

Average for the month, 4.50 inches; average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 12; the greatest monthly precipitation was 6.75 inches, in 1906; the least monthly precipitation was 2.89 inches, in 1907; the greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 2.25 inches, on July 22, 1902.

CRUMBLING STRUCTURES FORCE COUNCIL TO RUSH WORK ON CODE

Custalo Building, on Broad, and Frame House, on Boyd, Crash Without Warning.

WORKMEN ESCAPE INJURY

Committee Gets Hurry Call to Adopt Law for Public's Protection.

With a rumble and roar that could be heard and felt for blocks around, the old Custalo building, at No. 702 East Broad Street, formerly used as a negro barroom and hotel, collapsed shortly before noon yesterday, and was left a total ruin of brick, woodwork and mortar. The collapse was complete, not a single brick being left standing on another. The shock left the building on the corner, formerly Doyle's saloon, in a shaky condition, and Building Inspector Beck, who was soon on the scene, immediately condemned that place, ordering Mrs. Doyle and her adopted daughter to vacate at once, under penalty of their lives. Directly after the collapse of the adjoining building Mrs. Doyle moved out, and several men were employed in removing her household effects and furniture.

Being Remodeled for Saloon.

The Custalo building was being remodeled as a saloon, to be occupied by E. L. Thompson & Company, who had been refused a license on the opposite corner by the court. W. H. Zimmermann & Co., owners of the wrecked building, were repairing the tottering walls, and Mr. Thompson had employed Wright & Kurfess to do some wallscotching on the inside. It was while workmen were underpinning the rear wall that it began to settle. Someone shouted a warning, and every one ran out. In a few minutes the wall gave way, and then the entire building crashed in, leaving only a bent and twisted cornice projecting from the other building. Police officers quickly roped off the dangerous district to prevent injury to the too inquisitive crowd. No one was hurt.

The house was of great age. It was owned by Mr. W. H. Zimmermann, who values the property at about \$5,000. It had been insured in the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia since 1837, but, of course, insurance will not be available in this case. Mr. Zimmermann said he would begin rebuilding at once. Mr. Thompson, who was preparing to move in, has not yet decided where he will locate. It seems that the fates are against him. He is driven out of one building, and the other collapses, fortunately, however, before he had entered.

Closed Adjoining Buildings.

Besides closing up the Doyle saloon, Mr. Beck ordered the pool-room next door to be closed in case of further collapse. The front wall of Doyle's saloon was so badly damaged that it could do so at any moment. It is probable that it will be razed. It presents no menace to passersby, as the whole sidewalk running both ways is roped off securely.

Earlier in the day a frame house at 217 and 219 Boyd Street, collapsed, and there is another frame dwelling on Twenty-sixth Street that threatens every day to fall in, although it has been three times reported in Police Court after inspection by Mr. Beck.

The collapse yesterday morning represented the fourth and fifth that have occurred within the past few weeks. Twenty-five or thirty thousand are under suspension, but Inspector Beck, under the insufficient ordinance by which his office was created and himself elected, is practically powerless to do so at the moment.

The incidents yesterday represent his strongest argument for the new ordinance, which goes before a special meeting of the Finance Committee tonight, giving him ample power to act immediately whenever occasion demands. On its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor it will empower him to order immediate repair to unsafe buildings, and, in the event that the owners refuse to comply with his demand, to order them torn down, and

ATTACKS CITY IN SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Taliaferro Claims That Water Street Was Unsafe, Dangerous and a Menace.

Suit was instituted yesterday in the Law and Equity Court by Andrew Taliaferro against the city of Richmond for damages in the sum of \$1,000. The declaration filed is perhaps the most severe arraignment of the city administration on a court record, as it charges wilful negligence in the care of the streets by the proper authorities, to the great damage and distress of the plaintiff. Taliaferro alleges that while driving his wagon along Water street, near the river front, a street which he states had been for many months in bad condition, and which no effort had been made to repair, and which, although paved, had been cracking in depth to a depth of twelve inches, partly filled with mud, the wheel of his wagon slipped into one of these holes, and he was hurled violently to the ground, cut, bruised and suffered a fracture of his right leg, for all of which he asks damages. Affidavits have been taken by the attorney for Taliaferro, to prove the condition of the street and to prove that it had remained in a dangerous condition for a long time.

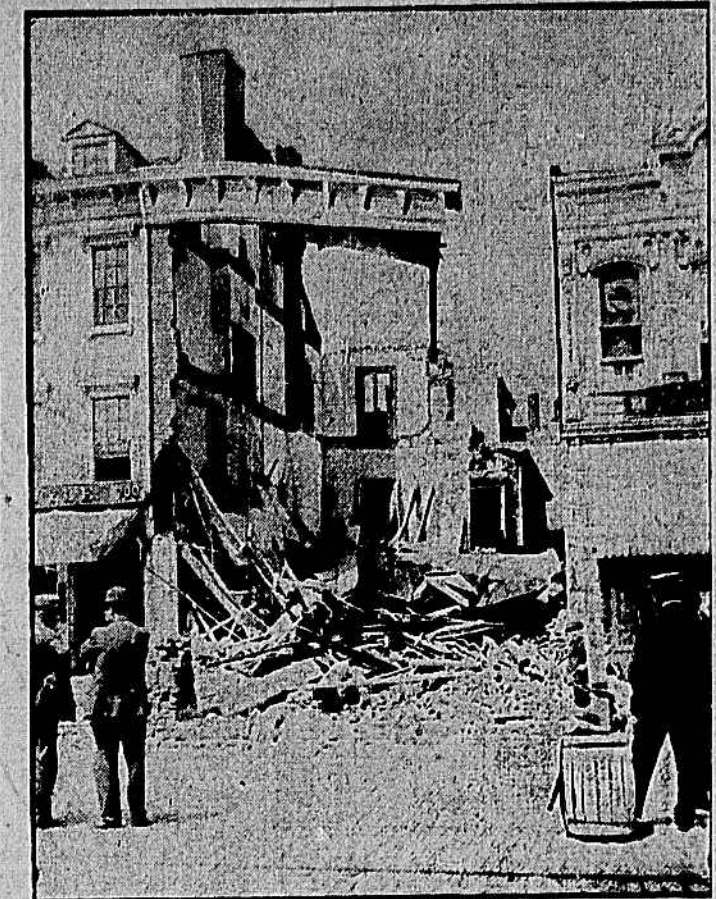
WANTED IN PETERSBURG

Charles Goldstein Is Recognized Here and Is Placed Under Arrest by Detectives.

While in Petersburg yesterday afternoon Detective Sergeant Bailey was advised that a man named Charles Goldstein was wanted in that city on a charge of robbery, and that it was believed he was in Richmond. On returning here, Sergeant Bailey saw Goldstein and recognized him, and in company with Detectives Wren and Williams placed him under arrest. When arrested Goldstein had a ticket to Charlottesville, and the officers believe that he was preparing to slip him.

Slipped a Girl.

John Ebenbach, a young boy, was arrested last night on a charge of slapping Maria Miller, the daughter of Mrs. Frederick Miller. He was afterwards bailed.



CUSTALO HOUSE AFTER COLLAPSE.

In case of emergencies he may act without any delay.

Under the existing ordinance, he reports on the building in question, and the matter goes through a slow routine in Police Court, where often neither court nor lawyer representing the defendant is sufficiently acquainted with building technicalities to be able to pass on the matter. Far from the scene of actual menace to public safety, it is decided that the building is perfectly safe; it is allowed to stand, and one day there comes a crash, and possibly some one is hurt. Often there is other unnecessary delay, which the Building Inspector is powerless to avert, and the danger to life and limb and property continues unabated. Under the new building code, which has been prepared by a selected committee of architects and builders and Inspector Beck, all the present trouble and delay caused by the insufficiency of the old ordinance will be avoided.

Those Sections of the New Building Code Bearing on Unsafe Buildings are as follows:

Surveys on Unsafe Buildings.
If the person or persons so served with notices shall immediately certify his or their assent to the securing or removal of said unsafe or dangerous building, premises or structure, he or they shall be allowed until 1 o'clock P. M. of the day following the service of such notice, in which to commence the securing or removal of the same; and he or they shall employ sufficient labor and assistance to secure or remove the same as expeditiously as the same can be done.

But upon his or their refusal or neglect to comply with any of the requirements of said notice, so served a further notice shall be served upon the person or persons heretofore named, and in the manner heretofore prescribed, notifying him or them that a survey of the premises named in said notice will be made at the time and place therein named, which time may not be less than twenty-four hours and more than ten days from the time of the service of said notice, by a committee of competent persons as hereinafter provided.

Preparing for Emergencies.

In case there shall be in the opinion

of the Building Inspector actual and immediate danger of falling of any building or part thereof so as to endanger life or property, said Building Inspector shall cause the necessary work to be done to render said building or part thereof temporary safe until the proper proceedings can be taken as in the case of an unsafe building as provided for in this code.

The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and empowered in such cases also where any building or part thereof has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation thereof, to order and require the inmates and occupants of such building or part thereof to vacate the same forthwith.

And the said Building Inspector may, when necessary for the public safety, temporarily close the sidewalks and streets adjacent to such building or part thereof, and prohibit the same from being used, and the Police Department, when called upon by the said Building Inspector to co-operate, shall enforce such orders or requirements.

Many Important Changes.

The new code covers a multitude of other points necessary for the proper regulation of buildings. It provides that a private dwelling shall be taken to mean an independent dwelling which is intended for the use of more than three separate families. If for more than three families, the building shall be taken to mean an apartment or tenement house. The walls of all buildings, other than frame, shall be constructed of stone, brick, Portland cement, concrete, iron or steel, or, if approved by the inspector, other hard incombustible material.

Every building, for whatever use, more than two stories high, shall be provided with such good and sufficient means of escape, stairways, or other means of egress, as may be required by the Building Inspector. All public structures must also be fitted with appliances and apparatus to facilitate egress in case of fire or accident.

As it carries an appropriation for an additional building inspector and for the expenses of the department, the new code will be passed on by the Finance Committee tonight. It will then go back to the Council in July, and, if passed, be ready within a few weeks for the signature of the Mayor.

Friends Doubt the Report.

The close friends of the former Governor are anxious to know about the matter, and those who have never felt kindly toward him are more than ready to say "I told you so," and in this view of a much strained situation, a statement from which would tend to throw doubt on the report, is of great importance. It is pointed out that Mr. Montague did not cast his vote in the municipal primary for Mayor and members of Council, a fact which is being used by the Democratic party in the speculation that he is preparing to leave the Democratic party. His friends decline to accept the assertions that he has gone away from his old moorings until they hear it from his lips or see it in a statement authorized by him, but many of them are at the same time saying that in justice to himself and them, he should issue a statement at once.

The matter was talked of in the hotel lobbies, on the streets, at the Capitol and almost everywhere throughout the city yesterday and last night, and men asked each other gravely what was the latest news concerning the former Governor, and enemies of the former Governor cannot account for his silence.

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Crowd City Hall All Day to E

For Delay.

City Collector of Delinquent Cunninghamham was the busiest City Hall yesterday. All day long, up to 10 o'clock last night, an unbroken line of those anxious and save the penalty added to taxes on July 1st. The rush began at 10 o'clock, and continued until the last day the sources tax bills.

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